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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR:	DATA RECORDING METHOD, DATA RECORDING EQUIPMENT AND DATA RECORDING EVALUATION EQUIPMENT

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 20 sheets of ☐ formal ☐ informal drawings.
- ☒ Transmittal of Japanese application 2003-378857 to claim priority date of November 7, 2003.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd. and Hitachi-LG Data Storage, Inc.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ An Executed Declaration.
- ☒ The filing fee is calculated as shown below:

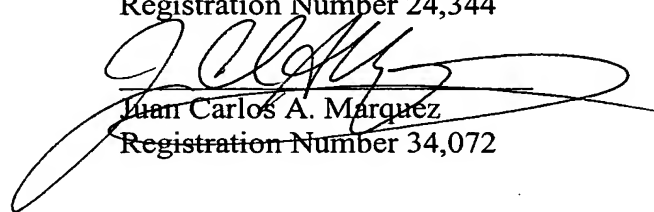
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